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Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council Meeting  
October 12, 1995  
Richland, Washington

Attendees

Bill Beckley, Yakama Indian Nation  
Deborah Borrero, Yakama Indian Nation  
Liz Block, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department  
John Carleton, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Larry Gadbois, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Linda Goodey, Dames & Moore  
Boyd Hathaway, ICF Kaiser  
Susan Coburn Hughs, Oregon Department of Energy  
Jake Jakabosky, U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
Paul Krupin, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office  
Paul Kube, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office  
Dan Landeen, Nez Perce Tribe  
Kathy Leonard, Bechtel Hanford, Inc.  
Jay McConnaughey, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Service  
Rudy Prosser, Bechtel Hanford, Inc.  
Lynne Roeder-Smith, Jason and Associates  
Geoff Tallent, Washington State Department of Ecology  
Darci Teel, Bechtel Hanford, Inc.  
Nancy Werdel, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office  
Jamie Zeisloft, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office

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DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS PRESENTATION, Nancy Werdel

Status on the BC Demonstration Sites was discussed. 116-B-5 is complete, all concrete has been removed and test results are being done to confirm there is no contamination. There are no plans for revegetation at this time.

116-B-4 is a French Drain site with radiation contamination which drained into the ground. There is contamination all the way to the reactor building. There will be no revegetation until the reactor work is complete. The site will be recontoured, and the NRTC will be consulted on the recontouring work. The projected waste went from 40 cubic yards to 700 cubic yards. The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of November.

116-C-1 covers 3 to 4 acres. Right now a test pit is being dug to gather more data so action plans can be completed. After finishing C-1, the site will be used as a demonstration revegetation site. Comments are needed on the draft plan.

Other items of discussion included:

- Sampling grids have opened up and instead of taking four samples in every grid, one sample in every grid will be taken. There will be more on-site samples being taken to guide excavation.
- The reason for this change was to cut down and sampling and put the resources into cleanup.
- The habitat value of these sites is very minimal.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (CLUP), Paul Krupin

Mr. Paul Krupin indicated that the CLUP will be integrated into the Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement (HRA-EIS) when it is complete. The CLUP is not required by statute, but by Secretarial requirement. The process is just getting started. The following were discussion points:

- Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) has been assisting in this process.
- There has been an effort to involve interested parties, including 17 agencies, tribes, and public interest groups.
- The CLUP is one part of a triad of driver documents for the Hanford Site including the Strategic Plan and the HRA-EIS.
- A viable land use plan will assist cleanup, and integration with HRA-EIS will support critical missions, constraints, and opportunities, and will cover a 30 to 50 year time frame.
- Disposition will continue independent of a land use plan regarding North Slope, ALE, and 300 Area.
- During and after the cleanup process, increased utilization of land will continue to be discussed.
- Other planning documents, such as the Biological Resources Management Plan, will be reflected in the planning documents.
- Currently, data collection is taking place. Data is being accepted from all sources and will be put into a database. The nature of the data will be identified, from which opportunities and constraints will be set.
- Data gaps are currently being identified.
- There are no plans to include any Irretrievable and Irreversible damages in this process.
- The land use plan will make proposed decisions, and the HRA-EIS will determine what kind of clean up is necessary to achieve that use.
- There is a need to recognize that existing conditions and current regulations do restrict some actions.
- The CLUP is a proposal for land use, not a list of land use alternatives.

Mr. Krupin pointed out that funding issues may impact cleanup schedules. He also indicated that there was no funding for the Biological Resources Management Plan. He said that DOE was trying to create a benchmark, and if there was other data which was needed and desired, those actions will need to be identified and prioritized.

Mr. Jay McConnaughey asked how DOE could make proper identification of the land when the biodiversity of the Hanford Site was unknown. He stated that the whole Hanford Site is a natural resource, and DOE should make the effort to complete an inventory. Mr. McConnaughey formally requested that DOE complete biological inventories in order to identify the biodiversity on the Hanford Site.

There is a group of organizations and tribes meeting on Tuesdays to work together on the land use plan. DOE has the ultimate decision making authority on land use. The group is meeting to try and achieve as great an understanding as possible. In the next month, they will discuss biological resources, buffer zones, and cultural resources. He also said that DOE will be putting together a draft values statement so this group and other

interested people and groups may comment on it in order to create a questionnaire which will go to the public. The end result will be a report which will be available as it goes through the process. It will ultimately assist in setting values for the CLUP and HRA-EIS.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN, Paul Kube

The NRTC will be invited to participate in the Strategic Planning Process as soon as the process has progressed to the point of soliciting input.

#### NATIVE SEED BANK AND NURSERY, Paul Kube

A draft Request for Proposals has gone out to tribes. There was discussion about specific language in the document. It was pointed out that the process of getting a contractor is separate from DOE's commitment to revegetate with native seed and provide a native seed nursery to accomplish that commitment. Comments on the RFP can be sent to Mr. Dana Ward.

#### DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

A request was made to have a presentation on the above document at the next NRTC meeting.

#### CORE VALUES STATEMENT, Paul Kube

The current language in the Core Values Statement regarding compensatory mitigation is under dispute within DOE. DOE did not have a problem with the rest of the Core Values Statement. It was agreed to revisit the issue.

#### STATUS OF THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS LETTER

The letter was discussed. The cultural resources issues paragraph was removed. There was discussion about NRTC authority as an organization and individual agencies' authorities. All comments are due back by October 13.

ACTION: Mr. Kube and Mr. Tallent will work on the Relevant Regulations Letter.

#### UPDATE ON COVENANT NOT TO SUE

The NRTC feels the need to come up with some documentation that says the 1100 Area was looked at, and the amount of damages don't justify pursuing any type of damage assessment. Rather than going through the cumbersome and costly process of doing a formal Covenant Not to Sue, an alternative might be for the NRTC to write a formal letter to the Administrative Record closing out the 1100 Area.

ACTION: Mr. Kube will investigate procedures at other DOE sites.

#### UPLAND COMMITTEE

Language on the Expedited Response RODs was discussed.

ACTION: Mr. McConnaughey will get Expedited Response Action Language to the NRTC and have a phone conference with the Upland Committee to discuss the issue.

ACTION: Mr. Kube will explore DOE's view on the Expedited Response ROD language.

#### NORTH SLOPE UPDATE

Site restoration had been eliminated from the plan but was reinstated. A plan has been formulated and further discussions with Glenn Goldberg will continue.

#### DOE IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH NRTC

There was a meeting between Mr. Holten and Ms. McClain of DOE and some members of the NRTC to formulate an agreement in principal as to what constitutes coordination. Some questions which remain unanswered include the issue that a lot of documents don't have clear timeframe, and the question about who is the appropriate decision maker. Since statutory language is absent, procedures need to be identified. Mr. Zeisloft indicated that a draft was being written and made the commitment that DOE fully intends to coordinate with the NRTC to draft procedures.

DOE made the request that the NRTC identify the natural resources of highest value. There was also a commitment to have more site tours and improved communication process.

Mr. Holten and Ms. McClain indicated that it would be valuable for them to become more involved in the NRTC process.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

##### By-Laws

The NRTC discussed some components of by-laws. There is a need for pulling together various components of procedures, including Memorandum of Agreement, Charter, Strategic Plan, and By-Laws; and how they fit together. Some questions which need to be answered include: what are the functions of the committees, how much of NRTC business should the committees assume, should the NRTC have an official spokesperson.

They also discussed some of the accomplishments of the NRTC.

A meeting was discussed between upper management from all organizations and members of the NRTC. January was tentatively set for the NRTC/management meeting. The purpose of the meeting would be to present what NRTC is spending its time on and what the problems of the NRTC are.

ACTION: Mr. Tallent, Mr. Burford, Mr. Zeisloft, and Ms. Block will develop an agenda, define where the NRTC is having problems and discuss possible solutions to those problems, and present accomplishments. A presentation will be prepared.

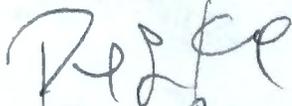
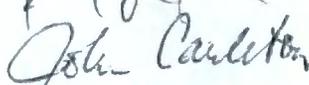
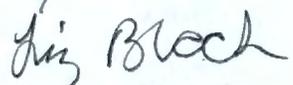
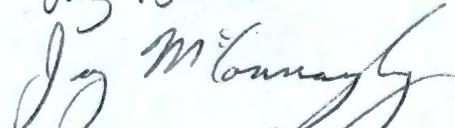
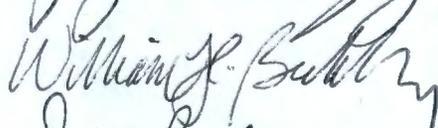
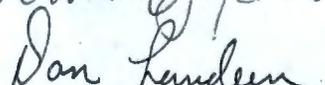
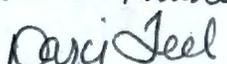
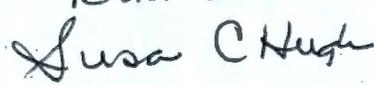
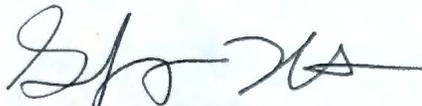
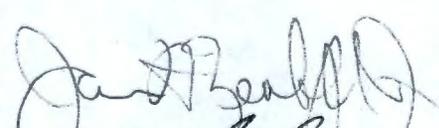
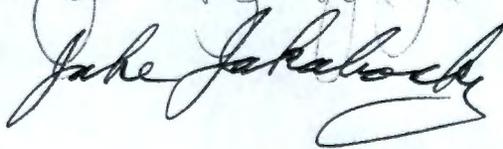
#### RIVER COMMITTEE

The CRCIA is proceeding. The geographic scope of the study will include the river to the ocean, seeking hot spots, focusing on sediments behind the dams. The study will be data driven.

There was a discussion about the demonstration revegetation plan.

ACTION: Mr. Zeisloft will explore options about when comments on the demonstration revegetation plan need to be submitted to Mr. Weiss and find out about a possible meeting.

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